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Infiltration along Borders
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether infiltration along the international borders of the country remains a serious problem and if so, the number of such cases reported, combing operations done and the number of security personnel and militants injured/killed during each of the last three years and the current year, border-wise;

(b) the length of border under surveillance by Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System and the action taken by the Government to check the status of fencing and flood lighting to keep track of infiltration along the international borders, State and border-wise;

(c) whether construction of roads from strategic point of view have also been undertaken along the borders;

(d) if so, the details thereof, along with the other measures taken to check infiltration along the borders, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to ease the tensions across the Chinese and Pakistan border?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
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(a): There have been cases of infiltration across the borders. Combing operations are conducted on regular basis. The number of cases of

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infiltration along the border, number of security personnel and militants injured/killed during each of the last three years and the current year border-wise are given at Annexure.There has been no case of infiltration besides no security personnel or militant was injured/killed during the said period along Indo-China border;

(b): Government of India has decided to deploy technological solutions in various difficult terrains of Indo-Pakistan & Indo-Bangladesh Border. In this regard, a pilot study has been initiated in Jammu region. Further details cannot be revealed in the interest of National Security. Government regularly reviews the status of Fence and Floodlights at various levels including meetings with State Governments, Construction Agencies and Border Guarding Forces.

(c) & (d): The border roads are constructed keeping in view the administrative and operational requirement to fulfill peace time role and tasks of the Border Guarding force. The Government has decided to undertake construction of 73 roads of operational significance along Indo-China Border. Out of these 73 roads, 46 roads are being constructed by
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Ministry of Defence and 27 roads by Ministry of Home Affairs. The Government has approved for construction of 1377 km road along Indo-Nepal Border and 313 km along Indo-Bhutan Border.Along Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh Borders, 413.26 km and 3596.83 km of roads have been constructed.
Measures taken to check infiltration are as under:
(i) Adequate troops have been deployed at BOPs and the border areas are being patrolled regularly.
(ii) Surveillance equipment like Night Vision Devices (NVDs), Hand Held Thermal Imager (HHTI), and Long Range Recce observation system (LORROS) etc. are also being used for effective Technical surveillance.
(iii) Deployment of additional COBs in depth areas to closer to IMB. Platoon Operating Bases (POBs) and Temporary Operating Bases (TOBs)/ Mobile Operating Bases (MOBs) are also established on appreciated routes of infiltration based on intelligence inputs.
(iv) Mobile Vehicle Check Posts (MVCPs), Area Domination Patrols (ADPs) and Short and Long Range Patrols along the border are being launched on regular basis.
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(v) Special operations are also launched on receipt of specific intelligence inputs.
(vi) Review of vulnerability mapping of Border Out Posts (BOPs) from the point of view of infiltration are carried out;
(vii) Deployment of additional manpower, special surveillance equipments and vehicles;
(viii) Round the clock surveillance of the border through patrolling, laying nakas, establishment of observation posts;
(ix) Erection of border fencing, installation of border flood lights, use of water crafts/boats and floating BOPs for domination of riverine area of the border, introduction of force multipliers and Hi-tech surveillance equipments;
(x) Upgradation of intelligence network and coordination with sister agencies;
(xi) Creating awareness among local villagers/civilians about infiltration;

(e): Steps taken to ease the tensions across the Chinese and Pakistan borders are as under:
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(i) India-China border: India shares a long land border with China in the Indian states of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Peace and tranquility in the border area has been maintained even though there is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the border areas between India and China. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the ground that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. Government regularly takes up any transgression along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms including border personnel meetings, flag meetings, meetings of Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs and diplomatic channels. The two sides agree that peace and tranquility on the border is the basis for the continued expansion of India-China relations.
(ii) India-Pakistan border: India seeks to resolve all outstanding issues with Pakistan bilaterally and through peaceful means in keeping with Shimla Agreement and Lahore Declaration. A meaningful and constructive dialogue requires an environment free from violence and terror.

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